

## Mahoney Gains Approval for \$9,575,000 in funding for Local Projects

(Washington, DC) - Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) today announced that the House Appropriations Committee has approved \$9,575,000 in funding for local priority projects in the 2008 Labor HHS, Transportation, and Energy and Water Development appropriations bills, which are scheduled to come to the House floor for a vote in the coming weeks. These are three of twelve appropriations bills slated to be considered by the House of Representatives this year.

"This funding will help make important improvements to safety, services, and infrastructure in our community. Each project was submitted at the request of local elected officials who identified priorities in our community asked for federal assistance in making these projects a reality. With Congress's new commitment to fiscal responsibility, our country will have to make some tough choices in funding for FY 2008. I will continue fighting hard to make sure our community gets its fair share of the pie to make these important improvements," said Congressman Mahoney (FL-16).

### Labor HHS Education

#### \$400,000 Veteran Services Building

Highlands County, Florida is requested funding for constructing a stand alone building for the Highlands County Veterans Service Office. Currently the Office uses a small office space in the County Health Department's building, which is no longer adequate for their current needs. The VSO assists local veterans in the application for veterans' benefits and services. They also run other veterans and community programs and provide limited health services.

#### \$75,000 Charlotte Program Basic Nursing Program

Charlotte County - Edison College requested funding for the Nursing Expansion Project at the Charlotte Campus of Edison College.

#### \$250,000 District Wide Instruction Using Technology for LEP Students

Charlotte County School District requested funding to develop and expand critically needed technology for a customized instructional system to help schools meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind.

#### \$300,000 South County Regional Library and Historic Archives Center

Charlotte County requested funding for constructing a library and historical archives to serve Charlotte County, FL, which will be a secure central facility designed to prevent further loss of historic information. During the 2004 hurricane season, the county lost a significant amount of material when several of the counties buildings were destroyed.

#### FY 2008 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act

#### \$750,000 Indian Street Bridge Project

Martin County, FL requested funding for right of way acquisition of land for the much needed Indian Street Bridge.

#### \$200,000 Hendry LaBelle Regional Park

Hendry County requested funding for starting the development of much needed recreational facilities at the Hendry LaBelle Regional Park.

#### \$500,000 US 41 Enhancements

Charlotte County, FL requested funding for improvements to US 41 in order to expand this vital South West Florida regional hurricane evacuation route.

#### \$200,000 Charlotte County Family Services Center

Charlotte County, FL requested funding for capital improvements to the Family Services Center, which provides vital community services.

#### \$200,000 Evacuation Route Widening / Burnt Store Road Project

Charlotte County, FL requested funding for widening Burnt Store Road in order to expand this vital South West Florida regional hurricane evacuation route.

#### \$350,000 Palm Beach County AVL/APC & Fareboxes

Palm Beach County, FL requested funding to improve and expand their public transit system by acquiring an Automated Vehicle Location and Automated Passenger Counter system in their mass transit vehicles.

## \$350,000 Center for Advanced Transportation and Infrastructure Safety and Security

Port St. Lucie - Florida Atlantic University requested funding for continuing development of their cutting-edge transportation center. The center aims to foster innovation in the development of new knowledge, applications, methodologies, products and services relating to safe secure transportation.

## FY 2008 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

### \$2 million Intracoastal Waterway, Jacksonville to Miami - Army Corps of Engineers

The Florida Inland Navigation District will use the funds for maintenance dredging in the Intracoastal Waterway in the vicinities of Ponce de Leon Inlet and Jupiter Inlet.

### \$4 million St. Lucie Inlet, FL Improvement Project - Army Corps of Engineers

Martin County - Funding would allow the Army Corps of Engineers to complete north jetty improvements to the St. Lucie Inlet. The St. Lucie Inlet has been rated as the most dangerous inlet on the East Coast of the United States. The jetty improvements will reduce the damages incurred by vessels in the inlet and increase vessel usage of the inlet.

## Congressman Mahoney's Appropriations Requests Policy:

Florida's 16th Congressional District (FL-16) will submit earmarks requested by local governments within the FL-16; requested by a federal agency in writing on behalf of a private company operating within FL-16; or requested by a not-for-profit in the FL-16 with the support of the local government in which the project is located. All requests will be reviewed and the determination of whether they will be submitted will be strictly based on their merits and are subject to the sole discretion of the Congressman.

Additional information is available at <http://www.mahoney.house.gov/>

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